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Lockheed West Seattle, Washington

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10

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EPA Proposes Lockheed West Seattle Site to National Priorities List

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to add the Lockheed West Seattle site to the National Priorities List (NPL), also known as the Superfund list. The site is located at 3443 West Marginal Way SW on Elliott Bay in Seattle, Washington. Industrial practices at this former shipyard released contaminants into the bay. Listing a site on the NPL notifies the public that EPA believes the site requires further study and possible cleanup under the Superfund program.

EPA Invites Your Comments on the Proposal

EPA invites you to comment on the proposal during the **60-day comment period beginning September 27, 2006**. After the comment period closes, EPA will consider all comments received. Significant comments will be addressed in a document that EPA will publish in the Federal Register if the site is listed on the NPL.

Send an original and three copies of your comments to EPA Headquarters.

By postal mail:
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U.S. EPA CERCLA Docket Office
(Mail Code 5305T)
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1301 Constitution Avenue
EPA West, Room 3340
Washington, DC 20004

To submit your comments electronically, follow the steps at <http://www.regulations.gov>

Why List Lockheed West Seattle?

Shipbuilding and ship repair activities at the site contaminated soil and sediment (mud). Contaminants of concern include metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and petroleum products.

Puget Sound, which includes Elliott Bay, is an EPA priority. Releases of pollution into the bay are of particular concern. The bay is used for a variety of recreational purposes. Recreational fishing, canoeing and kayaking have all been observed near the site. The Muckleshoot and Suquamish Tribes use the area for commercial and subsistence fishing. The area also provides habitat critical to Chinook salmon, which the federal government has listed as a threatened species.

The Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) has overseen cleanup work on the land area of the site, and has asked EPA to take the lead on overseeing the remaining cleanup.

EPA has received support for listing this site from Governor Christine Gregoire, the Washington State Department of Ecology, the National Marine Fisheries Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of Interior, the Muckleshoot and the Suquamish Tribes, the Port of Seattle, and the Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition.

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Site Background

The land area of the Lockheed West Seattle site is about 25 acres, and the submerged area of the site is about 27 acres. Lockheed Shipbuilding and others operated the former shipyard from 1946 to 1986. During that time, paint, metal scrapings and sandblast grit were discharged directly to Elliott Bay.

The Port of Seattle purchased the property in 1992. The Port cleaned up the land area of the old shipyard under Ecology oversight. It is now part of Terminal 5, which the Port uses for container shipping facilities.

The submerged area is owned in part by the Port and in part by the Washington Department of Natural Resources. This area remains to be cleaned up.



Shipyard activities, mainly maintenance and repair, took place at the site for about 41 years. (1969 photo)

For More Information

Materials supporting EPA's proposed NPL listing are available for review at the following location:

EPA Region 10 Records Center
1200 Sixth Avenue, 7th Floor, Seattle, WA
Hours: M-F, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm
Please call 206-553-4494 for an appointment.

Information is also available online at
www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl .

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